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April 22, 1857

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I had never heard of ~~my~~ the proposition to invite Mr. Chapin to speak at the Annual meeting, & can not, therefore, say whether there has been any communication with him upon the subject. So too with regard to Mr. Beecher - I did not know he was talked of; indeed I have been entirely in the dark as to all the speakers. But I

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